Cross media participation

2718. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cross media participation is not permissible all over the world;

(b) whether it is a fact that India is the only country where it is permitted now; and

(c) the reasons for the change of this policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the existence of such restrictions, in different forms, in a number of countries, details in respect of all countries however are not available with it. According to available information, India is the only country where no restrictions whatsoever are in operation.

(c) Since this has all along been the Governmnet's stand, there has been no change in the policy of Government in this regard.

Extra remuneration to the employees of AIR holding double charge

2719. SHRI GOPALSNH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many radio stations are paying etra remuneration to the employees who hold double charge;

(b) the type of such remuneration paid so far in each category, Stationwise;

(c) the number of bills pending for more than three months reported so far, as on 31st Jnuary, 1994; stationwise;

(d) whether any cases of non payment on holding double charge have come to the notice of Government and bills retained with the passing authority station Directors;

(e) whether any action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by the Station Directors in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House. z

Featuring company hoardings while covering cricket matches

2720. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has changed its stand on featuring company hoardings while covering international cricket matches;

(b) if so, the reasons for this change and the details thereof; and

(c what is the reaction of the various companies and its effect on revenues of Doordarshan; if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.